

USING AN EQUITY LENS WHEN IMPLEMENTING A DIALOGIC APPROACH TO AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Everyday Democracy

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PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

- Experience an Introduction to Everyday Democracy's 'Dialogue-to-Change' Approach, which focuses on building understanding and deepening insight towards authentic community engagement.
- Deeper understanding of how to apply an 'equity' lens and 'framework' when planning, coordinating, and implementing a community-wide Dialogue-to-Change Approach.
- Recognizing the long-term value of relationship-building; establishing and strengthening mutual trust and respect; and understanding how structural racism and other inequities affect the issues being addressed.

An initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails



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DIALOGUE TO CHANGE APPROACH

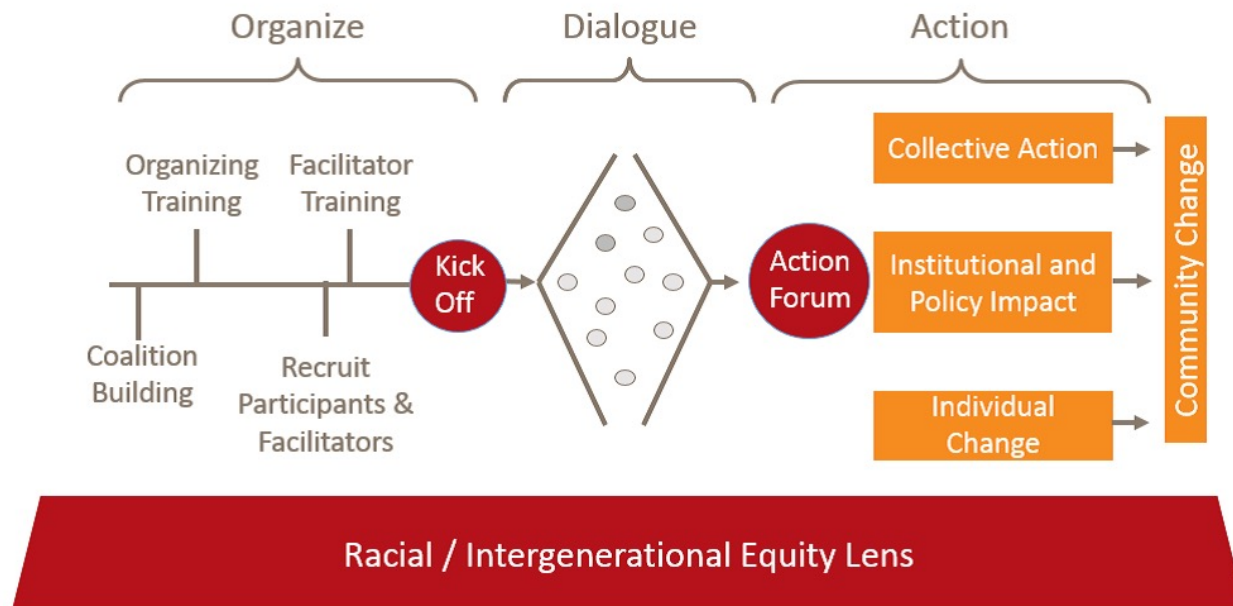
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Everyday Democracy's Role:

- To communicate the value and practice the work of community engagement, with a racial equity lens, through our Dialogue to Change Approach – in Justice System Reform....

Dialogue-to-Change Process

The Dialogue to Change Process



DIALOGUE AND RACIAL EQUITY

- Engage in diverse small groups over a period of time
- Talk about the roots of the issue (What can we do to create a more equitable justice system that ensures community safety?)
- Dig into an aspect of justice system reform (arrest, diversion, reform)



Exploring Equity in Community Engagement through Dialogue and Discussion

Sample Dialogue Experience

Palm Beach County - Video

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- Palm Beach Community Engagement Video
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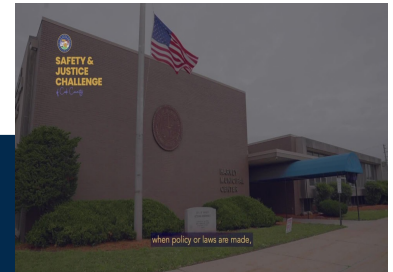
COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - VIDEO

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Why Community Engagement is Important

- Only by **engaging diverse voices** will we solve our most difficult problems.
- The people most **affected by the problems have to have a say** in solving the problem or the solutions will not fit the problem.
- Because of the disenfranchisement/oppression of certain groups, community engagement gives these groups a **process for healing and strengthening** the connections they need to thrive.

Thank you!



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